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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/014275	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 29.09.2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 107573942
TITLE OF INVENTION Solid surface smoothing method and apparatus therefor		
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